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4 H.R. 68, THE "JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY

5 BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION AND THE BULLYING

6 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ACT OF 2015"

7 Wednesday, July 13, 2016

8 House of Representatives,

9 Committee on the Judiciary,

10 Washington, D.C.

11 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 11:00 a.m., in  
12 Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Bob Goodlatte,  
13 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

14 Present: Representatives Goodlatte, King, Franks,  
15 Jordan, Chaffetz, Gowdy, Labrador, Collins, Buck, Ratcliffe,  
16 Trott, Bishop, Conyers, Nadler, Lofgren, Jackson Lee, Cohen,  
17 Pierluisi, Bass, Richmond, DelBene, Jeffries, Ciclline, and  
18 Peters.

19 Staff Present: Shelley Husband, Staff Director; Branden  
20 Richie, Deputy Staff Director/Chief Counsel; Zachary Somers,  
21 Parliamentarian & General Counsel; Ryan Breitenbach, Counsel,

22 Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and  
23 Investigations; Alley Adcock, Clerk; James Park, Minority  
24 Counsel; Veronica Eligan, Minority Clerk.

25 Chairman Goodlatte. Good morning. The Judiciary  
26 Committee will come to order, and without objection, the  
27 chair is authorized to declare a recess of the committee at  
28 any time. Pursuant to notice, I now call up H.R. 68 for  
29 purposes of markup, and move that the committee report the  
30 bill favorably to the House. The clerk will report the  
31 bill.

32 Ms. Adcock. H.R. 68, to amend the Omnibus Crime  
33 Control Act and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to enhance the use  
34 of Juvenile Accountability Block Grants for programs to  
35 prevent and address occurrences of bullying, and to  
36 reauthorize the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants  
37 Program.

38 [The bill follows:]

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Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the bill is considered as read and open for amendment at any point. And I will begin by recognizing myself for an opening statement.

The committee's criminal justice reform initiative seeks to address a number of issues, including juvenile justice reform. We continue forward with our efforts today with consideration of H.R. 68, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization, and the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act. This bill reauthorizes the Justice Department's Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program and strengthens the JABG program to reduce youth crime, and contains a robust accountability and oversight mechanism to ensure taxpayer dollars are used efficiently and appropriately.

I want to thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman Jackson Lee, for her dedication and hard work on this issue. Crimes committed by our Nation's youth strike at the very core of our communities. Our children are the promise of a bright future and our hope for continued prosperity; reducing juvenile crimes and improving the juvenile justice system is a vital step to preserving and protecting the future of our children.

The JABG program provides grants to States, tribes, and localities to strengthen their juvenile justice systems, and reduce recidivist behavior. The program currently has 17

65 authorized purpose areas, including the implementation of  
66 graduated sanctions for juveniles, support for prosecutorial  
67 initiatives aimed at curbing drug use, violence, and gangs,  
68 accountability-based school safety initiatives; the  
69 establishment of juvenile drug courts; and bullying and  
70 cyberbullying prevention.

71 The JABG program was most recently reauthorized in  
72 2005, and despite JABG currently being unauthorized, this  
73 bipartisan program continued to receive funding through  
74 2013. JABG received appropriations mostly recently in  
75 fiscal year 2013 when it received \$25 million.

76 The JABG program has a long history of bipartisan  
77 support among members of the Judiciary Committee; a  
78 reauthorization of this program will send a clear message to  
79 our colleagues on the Appropriations Committee that we  
80 support reinstating funding for this program, and again, I  
81 thank my colleague Congresswoman Jackson Lee for her work on  
82 this issue, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

83 It is now my pleasure to recognize ranking member of  
84 the committee, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, for  
85 his opening statement.

86 [The statement of Chairman Goodlatte follows:]

87 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

88           Mr. Conyers.   Thank you, Chairman Goodlatte.   Members  
89 of the committee, I support H.R. 68, which would reauthorize  
90 and update the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program.  
91 It is an important part of the comprehensive effort to help  
92 States improve and operate their juvenile justice systems.  
93 I commend particularly our ranking member of the  
94 Subcommittee on Crime, Sheila Jackson Lee, for her work on  
95 this important bill, and her steadfast desire to reform the  
96 ways our criminal justice system treats young offenders.

97           In the late 1990s, fears about the prospects about the  
98 prospects of a wave of juvenile crime, which turned out to  
99 be unfounded, inspired some legislators to call for harsher  
100 penalties for juvenile offenders.   Instead, this committee,  
101 in a bipartisan fashion, worked to develop a program to help  
102 States take a more measured approach.   That was the genesis  
103 of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant  
104 Program, as it was originally named, and which was enacted  
105 in 1997.

106           This program encourages the use of accountability  
107 models that hold juveniles responsible for their behavior by  
108 imposing consequences commensurate with the seriousness of  
109 the offense and the youth's prior criminal history, if any.  
110 In other words, it is fair, and more effective from the  
111 standpoint of public safety, to not impose an overly harsh  
112 and disproportionate sentence on a young offender who has

113 little or no history of prior offenses. So that is why this  
114 committee has a history of bipartisan support for the  
115 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program.

116 Although the authorization for the program expired  
117 several years ago, it deserves to be reauthorized, and our  
118 continued support is one of the ways the Federal Government  
119 provides assistance and guidance to States on their juvenile  
120 justice systems. This program fits within the framework of  
121 other initiatives targeting specific issues in order to  
122 support these systems, and safeguard the rights of young  
123 offenders.

124 And there are other steps we must take, even as we work  
125 to reauthorize this worthy program today. And to this end,  
126 I remain committed to working with the chairman of this  
127 committee, and every member on it, to strengthen our common  
128 interest in ensuring appropriate treatment of young  
129 offenders. H.R. 68 is an important contribution to  
130 achieving this critical goal, and so I urge my colleagues to  
131 join with us in supporting this bill. Mr. Chairman, I thank  
132 you, and yield back the balance of my time.

133 [The statement of Mr. Conyers follows:]

134 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

135 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman,  
136 and recognizes the sponsor of the legislation, the  
137 gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. Jackson Lee, for her opening  
138 statement.

139 Ms. Jackson Lee. Mr. Chairman, thank you so very much,  
140 and let me thank the ranking member as well, and take just a  
141 moment to acknowledge an officer who died in the line of  
142 duty in my district in a motorcycle crash. I just wanted to  
143 acknowledge that, and recognize, of course, the memorial  
144 that I attended yesterday for the officers in Dallas, Texas.

145 I thank all of my colleagues for their support and  
146 prayers. This is an opportunity again for this committee to  
147 show itself as one of the most important law-making  
148 committees in the United States Congress, truly impacting  
149 lives and certainly lives of young people.

150 So my appreciation is to Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Conyers,  
151 for your continued engagement and support, and to each and  
152 every member of the committee, Republicans and Democrats,  
153 who have given, in essence, their consent to this as we move  
154 forward, and the vision that we have for reforming the  
155 juvenile justice system.

156 This is an important step secondarily because we are  
157 looking at juvenile justice in a more innovative and, if I  
158 might say, right-standing way, and the Federal Government  
159 does have an essential role in the administration of

160 juvenile justice and the overall effectiveness of juvenile  
161 justice systems, the reason being that these block grants  
162 impact State, local, and tribal levels.

163       When coupled with State, local, and private funding,  
164 Federal investments seed and support the development,  
165 implementation, sustainability, and best practices in  
166 juvenile justice and delinquency preventions systems. We  
167 have not reauthorized this, as the chairman said, for a very  
168 long time.

169       Doing this now puts the Judiciary Committee stamp on  
170 what juvenile justice should look like. This JABG funding  
171 has fulfilled much needed funding for States and localities  
172 that lack sufficient resources; revisiting the need for  
173 reauthorization necessarily involves consideration whether  
174 this grant program in its current form reflects and supports  
175 cost-effective best practices.

176       I introduced H.R. 68, the Juvenile Accountability Block  
177 Grant reauthorization and bullying prevention and  
178 intervention act, in response for the need to reauthorize  
179 long-awaited juvenile justice programs, and to authorize and  
180 support funding to State and local governments, but also to  
181 have a new vision, not only sanctions that would not reduce  
182 recidivism for our young people, but incentives, untying the  
183 hands, and, in addition, looking at the horrors of bullying.

184       We find out that one out of every four students, 22

185 percent, report being bullied during the school year, but 64  
186 percent of children who are bullied did not report it, and  
187 only 36 percent reported the bullying. More than half of  
188 bullying situations, 57 percent, stop when a peer intervenes  
189 on behalf of the student being bullied and school-based  
190 bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25  
191 percent. We want more of that.

192       Research studies have shown that bullying in schools  
193 has a devastating effect on victims and perpetrators and the  
194 likely path into juvenile or criminal justice systems. We  
195 realize that what we are doing today may make life for a  
196 teen much better.

197       This legislation not only deals with incentives, like  
198 counseling, and other aspects of dealing with a juvenile,  
199 restorative justice, but it also takes in the new and  
200 advanced cyberbullying which many students will tell you is  
201 the most vicious. Not in the eyes of teachers and fellow  
202 students who can stop it, but in the unfortunate comfort  
203 level of your bedroom, a child may have an intrusion and be  
204 bullied.

205       And so this is a 21st century JABG. It is a  
206 recognition that our young people have changed, technology  
207 has changed, and we must change to ensure that we embrace  
208 them with a strong hand, but an understanding hand, and an  
209 ability to compromise, to be able to see what is the best

210 pathway for their life.

211 I would like to thank the staff as well on both sides  
212 of the committee. The Republican staff, our staff, Mr.  
213 Goodlatte's staff, Mr. Sensenbrenner's staff, Mr. Conyers'  
214 staff, and certainly I want to make mention of, which we  
215 will honor in just a moment, my counsel Tiffany Johnson, who  
216 passed away a few months ago. I want to acknowledge my  
217 staff in my personal office, Ms. Williams, and our  
218 additional fellows and interns who have been so helpful in  
219 this matter.

220 Mr. Chairman, I would like to submit these letters to  
221 the record at this point, because without the advocacy  
222 groups giving their constructive thoughts that we could  
223 analyze, we would not have a bill that responds to the new  
224 approach to taking care of young people.

225 I ask unanimous consent to put into the record letters  
226 signed by the American Psychological Association Campaign  
227 for Youth Justice, Child Welfare League of America, Center  
228 for Children on Law and Policy, Juvenile Law Center, PACE  
229 Center for Girls, Schubert Center for Child Studies,  
230 Southern Poverty Law Center, The Sentencing Project -- that  
231 is the National Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
232 Coalition. I ask unanimous consent.

233 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, they will all  
234 be made part of the record.

235 [The information follows:]

236 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

237       Ms. Jackson Lee.     A letter from Dr. Robert Robin  
238 Jenkins; I ask unanimous consent.

239       Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection.

240       [The information follows:]

241 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

242        Ms. Jackson Lee.  An article saying, from the U.S. News  
243 and World Report, what youth incarceration costs taxpayers,  
244 \$21 billion.  I ask unanimous consent.

245        Chairman Goodlatte.  Without objection, it will be made  
246 part of the record.

247        [The information follows:]

248        \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

249           Ms. Jackson Lee.   The National Council of Juvenile and  
250 Family Court Justices, which indicates that juvenile court  
251 justices should have the same status as the highest level  
252 trial court, and I ask for additional ideas of dealing with  
253 the individualized and graduated responses, both sanctions  
254 and incentives.   I ask unanimous consent.

255           Chairman Goodlatte.   Without objection, they will be  
256 made a part of the record.

257           [The information follows:]

258 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

259        Ms. Jackson Lee.        And finally, Mr. Chairman, a  
260 graduated responses toolkit from the Children's Law and  
261 Policy Center.

262        Chairman Goodlatte.    Thank you.    Without objection,  
263 they will be made a part of the record.

264        [The information follows:]

265        \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

266       Ms. Jackson Lee.   And I simply close my remarks by  
267 saying that this is an important step toward our overall  
268 goals, looking forward to completing them, of criminal  
269 justice reform, but I would say that juveniles' lives who  
270 have come awry of the law in the early point of their life,  
271 when we know that intervention, love, firmness, can restore  
272 them and put them on a path that we will see them as  
273 doctors, lawyers, and astronauts, and members of Congress.

274       We know that the thinking in this bill of best  
275 practices, evidence, and the opportunity for incentives goes  
276 a long way in changing their lives.   With that, I ask my  
277 colleagues to support the legislation.   I yield back.

278       [The statement of Ms. Jackson Lee follows:]

279       \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

280 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentlewoman.  
281 The chair would note for the members of the committee, for  
282 those who may not have noticed this, that our friend and  
283 colleague and very active member of this committee,  
284 Congressman Ted Poe -- Judge Poe announced yesterday that he  
285 has been diagnosed with leukemia. So we would ask that all  
286 of you hold him up in your prayers. He has a statement  
287 which you can read and expresses his confidence that he will  
288 beat this, and as he would say, that is just the way it is.  
289 So keep him in your prayers.

290 Ms. Jackson Lee. We will.

291 Chairman Goodlatte. At this time, I now recognize the  
292 ranking member of the Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland  
293 Security and Investigations Subcommittee for the purposes of  
294 offering an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

295 Ms. Jackson Lee. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I  
296 have an amendment at the desk, 384.

297 Chairman Goodlatte. The clerk will report the  
298 amendment.

299 Ms. Jackson Lee. Does everybody already have it?

300 Chairman Goodlatte. Members have the amendment in the  
301 nature of a substitute before them. The clerk will report  
302 it.

303 Ms. Adcock. Amendment in the nature of a substitute  
304 for H.R. 68, offered by Ms. Jackson Lee of Texas. Strike

305 | all after the enacting clause --

306 | [The amendment follows:]

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308 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the amendment  
309 in the nature of a substitute is considered as read, and I  
310 will recognize Ms. Jackson Lee to explain the amendment.

311 Ms. Jackson Lee. Thank you so very much, Mr. Chairman,  
312 and allow me, members, to again thank you and go --  
313 summarize the statement about this amendment [inaudible]  
314 bill, but I am grateful for the many who have invested in  
315 this.

316 As I indicated, this is a bill to deal with best  
317 practices in line of [inaudible] authorization.  
318 Particularly, the critical importance for funding evidence-  
319 based strategies for holding youth accountable and  
320 empowering States [inaudible] our juvenile justice system.  
321 I have worked previously with our previous member,  
322 Congressman Bobby Scott. And I want to thank him, as well,  
323 and the work that he is doing on the Eden Labor Committee at  
324 this time, trying to help out young people.

325 So the reauthorization of this bill provides, again,  
326 evidence-base, but it also provides language that provides  
327 for graduated sanctions, which are sometimes harsh. And  
328 this legislation and the amendment, provides language of  
329 incentives. Determined sentence means individualized, goal  
330 oriented and graduated responses to youth compliance, the  
331 court orders and case-disposition terms designed to, in  
332 fact, reinforce and modify the behavior of the youth

333 offender.

334       Incentives may include certificates of achievement,  
335 recommendation letters, family or program activity, meeting  
336 or special outing with community leaders, reduced community  
337 service hours, extended curfew or home visit, or decreased  
338 court appearances or term of court ordered supervision.

339       It would also mean it gives the family members,  
340 parents, grandparents, extended community, the opportunity  
341 to work with this juvenile and the incentives that may be  
342 given; it gives schools the ability to have a little bit  
343 more flexibility in assisting this juvenile, as well. In  
344 particular, a court may put in place counseling,  
345 restitution, community service, a fine, restorative justice  
346 programs, anything to say to the young person that we are  
347 willing to look to you to help us reform your behavior by  
348 giving you support systems to make a difference.

349       And so my amendment, hopefully, is driven by all the  
350 work that we have done since the time that I have introduced  
351 this bill, which has been a few years ago. But we have had  
352 the opportunity to look at this closely, and, we believe,  
353 that we are on the right track with research-based,  
354 antibullying, how best to address it, and then the new  
355 phenomenon of cyber bullying to work against that, as well.  
356 And for the resurgence of gangs, specifically gang  
357 prevention, but all of that goes, as well as mental health

358 services and trauma informed practices, to ensure that we  
359 are able to look at the whole reform of the child and to  
360 work with their family and extended community.

361       So I ask my colleagues to support this amendment as it  
362 enhances the re-authorization, gives us better tools, and  
363 gives us better ways to invest in our young people for whom  
364 the future of this country depends upon their success.  
365 Thank you and I yield back.

366       Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentlewoman,  
367 and recognizes himself in support of the substitute  
368 amendment, which reauthorizes the JABG program for \$25  
369 million a year. Grants from this program have helped  
370 provide communities with restorative justice programs,  
371 police and probation partnerships, drug and teen courts, and  
372 other programs which facilitate the successful reentry of  
373 juvenile offenders from custody back into the community.

374       In 2013, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant  
375 Program provided local communities in my home State of  
376 Virginia with over \$386,000 to assist them in their efforts  
377 to make families and neighborhoods safer. These Federal  
378 grants are used to combat gang violence, curb juvenile drug  
379 use, and provide mediation services to juvenile offenders  
380 and their victims, meeting the challenge of reducing  
381 juvenile crime extends beyond the traditional punitive  
382 criminal justice system.

383       One reason why this amendment in the nature of a  
384 substitute adds graduated incentives to the available  
385 purpose areas is to encourage juveniles to conform their  
386 behavior to societal norms. This is one more way juveniles  
387 in the justice system can receive the support they need to  
388 get back on the right track. This amendment also removes  
389 available purpose areas for the allocation of JABG funds,  
390 including those best addressed by the States, like the  
391 hiring of juvenile court judges, prosecutors, probation  
392 officers, and court-appointed defenders and special  
393 advocates. It also removes gun courts as an available  
394 purpose area for which States may use allocated grant funds.  
395 The substitute enhances a purpose area for anti-bullying and  
396 anti-cyber bullying prevention programs, as well as mental  
397 health services.

398       This amendment also promotes accountability of taxpayer  
399 dollars. The goal of the oversight and accountability  
400 mechanism in this amendment is to ensure that funds are  
401 allocated and used appropriately, effective grants stem from  
402 good governance and strong oversight.

403       Finally, this substitute clarifies through a sense of  
404 Congress that best practices should be followed in the  
405 administration of all JABG grants. I urge my colleagues to  
406 support this amendment, and strengthen juvenile justice  
407 programs throughout the country. Are there any amendments

408 to the amendment?

409 Ms. Jackson Lee. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at  
410 the desk.

411 Chairman Goodlatte. The clerk will report the  
412 amendment. The chair would point out to the gentlewoman,  
413 she needs to ask unanimous consent.

414 Ms. Jackson Lee. Yes, I [inaudible] thank you. I have  
415 -- would like unanimous consent to amend the amendment in  
416 the nature of a substitute.

417 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the amendment  
418 to the amendment of the nature substitute will be considered  
419 and the clerk will report the amendment.

420 Ms. Adcock. Amendment to the amendment in the nature  
421 of a substitute to H.R. 68, offered by Ms. Jackson Lee of  
422 Texas. Page 1, line 2 --

423 [The amendment follows:]

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425 Chairman Goodlatte. Without objection, the amendment  
426 to the amendment is considered as read, and the gentlewoman  
427 is recognized for 5 minutes on her amendment.

428 Ms. Jackson Lee. Let me thank you very much, Mr.  
429 Chairman. And let me, as I begin, just to emphasize the  
430 importance of this legislation.

431 Let me start as I introduce my amendment with a  
432 statistic for all of you, and that is as many as 70 to 80  
433 percent of youth involved in the justice system meet the  
434 criteria for a disability, while at least 75 percent have  
435 experienced traumatic victimization making them vulnerable  
436 to mental health disorders and proceed behavioral, non-  
437 compliance, and misconduct. And so, this bill, of course,  
438 provides that mental health inclusion to be able to help  
439 steer young people who have experienced certain objective  
440 issues in their life.

441 I am very pleased to offer this amendment, and I,  
442 again, thank the chairman and the ranking member for their  
443 work with us in particular. Many of you know how hard  
444 Tiffany Joslyn, my counsel who passed away four months ago,  
445 worked on this legislation. It is legislation that was near  
446 and dear to her heart.

447 And so we are very interested in acknowledging the hard  
448 work; how dedicated and hard-working the enthusiasm she had  
449 and the expertise to her work. We miss her dearly, but we

450 continue to benefit from her wise counsel. And she had a  
451 strong commitment to the juvenile justice system, and  
452 brought with it an astuteness and an affection. It may be  
453 evidence in the love she had for her family members and her  
454 young cousins and her wonderful family who embraced her  
455 well.

456 She worked hard to advance this bill and to reform the  
457 ways we address youth in our juvenile and criminal justice  
458 systems. And so this bill -- we would like to have her name  
459 as we continue the causes she had championed.

460 This bill would be ultimately -- if this amendment was  
461 passed -- called the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability  
462 Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bully Prevention and  
463 Intervention Act of 2015, which would in essence provide us  
464 with the framework of which we have just discussed.

465 Secondly, this amendment would create a funding offset  
466 for the bill by reducing general administration expenditures  
467 by the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2018 to 2022.  
468 And I understand that this is a way for us to handle this as  
469 we move forward.

470 I believe this is an appropriate procedure and process  
471 because, again, let me emphasize, we are doing something  
472 important today, we are re-authorizing putting the judiciary  
473 committee stamp on criminal justice being a part of juvenile  
474 justice, and juvenile justice being a part of criminal

475 justice. And I would ask my colleagues to support it.

476 Finally, let me say, in the passing of Tiffany, we all  
477 felt a great loss. This great tribute to her will be a  
478 lasting tribute and salute to her and her family. And I  
479 want to acknowledge that her father, Mr. Joslyn, is  
480 listening to our debate. I want to thank him for his  
481 beautiful daughter and to all of his family for how she  
482 contributed to the betterment of this country.

483 With that I ask my colleagues to support this amendment  
484 to the nature of the substitute -- amendment in nature of  
485 substitute.

486 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentlewoman,  
487 and recognizes himself. I thank the gentlelady for her  
488 amendment and support, ensuring that this bill complies with  
489 all necessary offset rules that promote good stewardship of  
490 taxpayer dollars. I would also like to recall Tiffany  
491 Joslyn's dedication to juvenile justice issues. Tiffany was  
492 a passionate and strong advocate for juvenile justice.

493 And while her counsel and friendship is missed on the  
494 committee, it is appropriate to name this bill after a  
495 public servant who devoted her energy and legal skills  
496 toward these important issues. And I urge my colleagues to  
497 support the amendment. For what purpose does the gentleman  
498 from Michigan seek recognition?

499 Mr. Conyers. To strike the requisite number of words,

500 Mr. Chairman.

501 Chairman Goodlatte. The gentleman is recognized for 5  
502 minutes.

503 Mr. Conyers. My fellow colleagues on the committee, it  
504 is fitting that through this amendment, we are naming the  
505 bill in honor of Tiffany Joslyn, who was a dedicated  
506 staffer, working primarily with the gentlelady from Texas,  
507 who has worked on this legislation. We sadly lost Tiffany  
508 Joslyn in a tragic motor vehicle accident in March, but we  
509 vowed that we would double our efforts on the issues that  
510 were her passion, particularly, youth justice reform and  
511 criminal justice reform.

512 And so I am pleased to urge support of the amendment to  
513 the substitute, and urge that we pass this with all  
514 deliberate speed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back  
515 the balance of my time.

516 Ms. Jackson Lee. Mr. Chairman? Did the gentleman  
517 yield?

518 Mr. Conyers. I yield to the gentlelady from Texas.

519 Ms. Jackson Lee. Let me thank all of you for your  
520 very kind words about Tiffany. I think when you have  
521 bipartisan recognition of the great service that she has  
522 given and many -- all of the members realize how important  
523 our staff expertise is to all of us -- and certainly  
524 contributing to the legislative process of this Congress --

525 thank you so very much for honoring her with this tribute,  
526 giving her the ability, of course, to have long-lasting  
527 presence on something very important and near and dear to  
528 her, and near and dear to us -- reforming the criminal  
529 justice system and reforming it starting at the very roots,  
530 and that is helping out young people steer away from the  
531 criminal justice system.

532 With that I would like to put into the record, Mr.  
533 Chairman, the mentor letter from the National Mentoring  
534 Partnership in a letter in support of this legislation,  
535 which is a tribute to what we are doing from David Shapiro,  
536 the chief executive officer.

537 I would ask unanimous consent to put that into the  
538 record, and ask my colleagues to support naming this  
539 legislation after Tiffany Joslyn, and, as well, making sure  
540 that we have the funding process that we should have for  
541 that. Again, it will be named the Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile  
542 Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization and the Bullying  
543 Prevention and Intervention Act of 2015 -- 2016, excuse me.  
544 Thank you.

545 Chairman Goodlatte. And without objection the document  
546 will be made a part of the record.

547 [The information follows:]

548 \*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE INSERT \*\*\*\*\*

549 Mr. Conyers. Mr. Chairman, I yield back any time of  
550 mine that may be remaining.

551 Chairman Goodlatte. The chair thanks the gentleman. A  
552 question occurs on the amendment to the amendment in the  
553 nature of substitute.

554 All those in favor respond by saying aye.

555 Those opposed, no.

556 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and the  
557 amendment is agreed to.

558 Are there any other amendments to the amendment in the  
559 nature of a substitute?

560 The question is on the amendment in the nature of a  
561 substitute to H.R. 68.

562 All those in favor respond by saying aye.

563 Those opposed, no.

564 In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and the  
565 amendment is agreed to.

566 A reporting quorum being present, the question is on  
567 the motion to report the bill H.R. 68 as amended favorably  
568 to the House.

569 All those in favor respond by saying aye.

570 Those opposed, no.

571 The ayes have it, and the bill, as amended is ordered  
572 reported favorably.

573 Members will have 2 days to submit views. Without

574 objection, the bill will be reported as a single amendment  
575 in the nature of a substitute incorporating all adopted  
576 amendments, and staff is authorized to make technical and  
577 conforming changes. This concludes our business for today.  
578 Thanks to all our members for attending and the markup is  
579 adjourned.

580 Ms. Jackson Lee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

581 [Whereupon, at 11:55 a.m., the committee was adjourned  
582 subject to the call of the chair.]

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